

10/24/72 Dear Ed, Thanks for your 10/17 and The War Conspiracy, which has come but I've not been able to crack. (Too much of what I ought not have to do anything with, the Ray legal stuff.) Appreciate it much because I'd have had to await remaindering....If there were a conspiracy to keep me from working creatively, it could not be more effective than the non-conspiratorial reality. Too much on too many things, and too much waste of time trying to reduce harm by nuts, harm not diminished by good intentions...Of this there will, inevitably, be more...Been getting a bit more sleep, but lately I've had to start getting up early again, to do what has to be done and what should have been two years ago when I wanted to and could...We need a new and in-character name for Watergate. I've been on top of it since it broke, with all analyses holding up after months and with unfolding story, even on small details so cunningly worked out by the "Sept. Disinformation, one of whose more effective news-managements the mishandling of this story was. I've been keeping files and I've seen what has been unpublished, including Hunt's crossing of Whitewash's past, in 1965. I'm aware that Schlesinger says he is Droller, but I don't buy. There were two Bay of Pigs "Frank" pseudos, Bender's and another. I'm still saying Hunt has to be Bender. And how else account for the others, only beginning with Barker? Under ordinary circumstances, it is unlikely the CIA would entrust actual operations on such a project to a foreign national unless it were in his native land. They're politically crazy, but not that crazy. Selecting a Hunt would have been crazy enough. Many thanks and best,